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1. At 0900 hours on 24 July 1954, [] ship passed Sursari Island (N 60-05, E 27-00) while enroute to Leningrad. At 1030 hours [] observed a destroyer which was heading out to sea. The destroyer turned at Sursari Island and came up towards [] ship; it then turned again in the direction of Sursari Island and then headed toward Kronshadt at full speed. 25X1
2. At 1215 hours a patrol boat [] came alongside [] ship. It had a motorboat hull, a cabin with an open bridge, a single mast, and a spherical radar screen on an iron scaffold. The boat's armament consisted of one gun on each side aft of the bridge, one gun on the afterdeck, and two box-shaped objects under tarpaulins on each side of the stern frame. 25X1
3. At 1230 hours a naval vessel passed [] ship at slow speed. It had a long slender hull, a flush deck, two stacks, a scarred stern (sic), and a tower which was round on top at the after edge of the bridge. The ship also had a tripod mast just aft of the bridge and a slanted stack just aft of the mast. [] there were torpedo tubes on the deck of the vessel. The ship's armament consisted of one or more guns on both the foredeck and the afterdeck. The ship's radar was in operation. 25X1
4. At 1415 hours [] a gray barracks ship being towed by two tugboats off Seyskari Island (N 60-02, E 28-23). The ship had a modern hull, a slanted bow, a cruiser stern frame, a high mast with a crow's nest in the center of the foredeck, a midships superstructure, and a bridge which had an upper and lower deck. The ship also had a boat deck on which there were davits, a stack just aft of the bridge, and an aftermast which had no cross yard. There were several ventilators and booms around the masts. [] did not observe any guns or radar equipment on the vessel. The ship flew a naval flag [] There were wooden "barracks" on both the foredeck and the afterdeck. 25X1

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5. At 1420 hours a naval vessel [] was observed off Seyskari Island. The ship had a straight hull, a breakwater on the foredeck, a bridge superstructure, and a single mast at the after end of the bridge. The equipment on the mast consisted of a radar screen, a crow's nest, and searchlights. The ship's armament consisted of one gun and an antiaircraft gun mounted on a fire control tower on the foredeck, two guns on each side aft of the stack, and another gun farther aft. There was a large winch located in the center of the afterdeck. All of the guns and the winch were covered with tarpaulins. A box-shaped object was located on each side of the stern frame. The ship's lifeboats were in davits on the boat deck. The pilot house on the ship had an unusual shape; it had a cut-off front with large 45-degree corners, and all the bulkheads slanted inwards. The ship flew a green flag. 25X1
6. At 1615 hours [] a naval vessel off Shepelev Island (N 59-59, E 29-07); at the time, the vessel did not appear to be underway. [] it did not have a crow's nest or searchlights on the mast. It was also flying a green flag. The ship came up [] ship and followed it to the buoy at the lightship. There was a [] vessel at the buoy. [] a SVERDLOV-Class cruiser [] The pilot said that it was a new vessel. 25X1
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7. A naval vessel [] lay outside the lightship. This vessel had a motorboat hull, twin-mount rifles and an antiaircraft gun on the foredeck, antiaircraft guns on the bridge, a small mast, and twin-mount rifles, one behind the other, on the afterdeck. The ship flew a naval flag. 25X1
8. At 1815 hours a vessel [] was observed heading toward Kronshtadt. [] At 1830 hours [] ship passed Kronshtadt. A number of naval vessels, one of which was well-lighted, lay at anchor in the area. 25X1
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9. [] the following vessels in Kronshtadt harbor: 25X1
 - a. The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA.
 - b. Submarine [] had a large gun on the foredeck and an antiaircraft gun on the conning tower. 25X1
 - c. Submarine [] had a somewhat higher conning tower than submarine [] There were no guns on the deck but [] there was "something" on the conning tower. 25X1
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 - d. Minesweepers [] Most of the minesweepers had a forecastle, one gun on the foredeck, an anti-aircraft gun near the bridge, a tripod mast, and antiaircraft guns on each side of the stack which was located aft of the mast. Vessel [] was a different type minesweeper; it had a high forecastle, a straight mast located close to the stack, and no bulwarks on the afterdeck. Its armament was also different from the other ships. Vessel [] had a single mast. 25X1
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 - e. Minesweepers [] no description furnished. 25X1
 - f. Vessels [] They were relatively small ships which lay low in the water. Each ship had a flush deck, an anti-aircraft gun and another gun on the foredeck, a wheelhouse with a mast, and an antiaircraft gun and another gun on the afterdeck. 25X1
10. On 25 July, which was Navy Day, [] the city of Leningrad. There were thousands of persons out to see the naval vessels which lay in the river. [] many of the Soviets had modern cameras and that they were taking pictures of the naval vessels from all angles. A large number of 25X1
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the Soviets were drunk, [] many persons lying drunk in the street. No one attempted to remove them from the streets.

11. In the basin between the Winter Palace and the Citadel, [] the following ships:
- a. Submarines []
 - b. Minesweepers []
 - c. A cruiser, which was an old ship with two masts and high straight stacks.
 - d. Cruiser []
 - e. Small naval vessels []
12. In the basin above the Lt. Schmidts Bridge, [] destroyers [], and vessels [] they were relatively large ships.. In the basin below the bridge there were a number of tugboats and destroyer [] On the other side of the river [] a destroyer, two submarines, and a ship which appeared to be incomplete. The latter vessel had a long slender hull and one mast.
13. At 0500 hours on 26 July, [] a small naval vessel go out of the river; [] this vessel was used as a patrol boat. The vessel lay low in the water, and it had a flush deck, a bridge structure with a single mast, a spherical radar screen at the top of the mast, and a low stack. Its armament consisted of one gun on the foredeck, one gun on each side of the stack, and two guns on the afterdeck.
14. At 0530 hours an outbound submarine [] was observed. The submarine had twin antiaircraft guns mounted one above the other on the conning tower. There was a small mast on the conning tower and a large double-barreled gun on the deck aft of the conning tower.
15. At 0600 hours an outbound submarine [] was observed. The submarine had one gun on the foredeck and one double antiaircraft gun pointing aft on the conning tower. [] vessels [] heading out of the river. They were relatively small ships which lay low in the water. Each ship had a flush deck, a breakwater on the foredeck, a low bulwark, and an open bridge with a small mast aft of the bridge. Each ship's armament consisted of one gun on the foredeck, an antiaircraft gun on each side at the after end of the bridge, one gun on the afterdeck, and what resembled depth charges on the stern frame. Each ship also had a lifeboat aft. Vessel [] had a spherical radar screen.
16. Later in the morning of 26 July, [] an outbound vessel with [] The ship's forecastle extended to the after end of the bridge. The ship had a square bridge structure, a round tower on the forward part of the bridge, a relatively large radar scanner on top of the tower, a slanted stack, and two tripod masts on each of which there were two radar scanners. Its armament consisted of two guns on platforms at different levels on the foredeck, one set of torpedo tubes on deck, and a structure resembling a tower with guns around it; there was a short mast on the tower and a second set of torpedo tubes aft of the tower.
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18. Later in the day naval vessel [] This ship was painted blue-gray, and the forecastle extended to the after end of the bridge. The ship had a straight hull, a tripod mast with a cross mast and a searchlight, and two slanted stacks. Its armament consisted of a twin mount gun on the foredeck, one gun between the forward stack and the torpedo tubes, one gun on each side of the after stack, a second set of torpedo tubes, an antiaircraft gun on a platform which had a short mast, and one gun on the afterdeck. 25X1
19. At 0530 hours on 27 July, an outbound vessel [] was observed. The ship had eight guns on deck; three guns were located forward of the bridge, two on each side of the stack and one farther aft. The ship also had a tripod mast with a crow's nest, a searchlight, and two radar scanners. There was mine-sweeping equipment [] At 0600 hours naval vessel [] was observed; it was similar in appearance to vessel [] observed submarine []; it was similar to submarine [], but it did not have a gun on the foredeck. It did have twin-mounted antiaircraft guns on the deck facing aft. 25X1
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20. During the night of 27-28 July, ships bearing [] did patrol duty on the river. Each of these vessels had a straight hull without a forecastle, a cabin along the deck, and a bridge structure with a single mast. [] the vessels were diesel-powered. At 0700 hours on 28 July [] 25X1
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21. At the Baltic Shipyard the ships [] observed on a previous visit had taken more definite shape. [] that they were part of three submarines being built on the west slip. Farther in on the slip a partition had been set up behind the submarines. [] that the framework for a large ship was being built behind the partition. 25X1
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22. A cruiser was being built on the middle slip of the Baltic Yard. It had two stacks in place and the deckhouse and bridge structure were beginning to take form. The hull of the cruiser was painted with red lead. On the east slip of the shipyard, work had begun on the superstructure of a ship. The fence which had been constructed on the west slip was painted red; a fence was being built on the middle slip also. [] the fences were being built because of the workers who pass the slips on the river side. 25X1
23. [] the west and middle slips of the Baltic Shipyard were being lengthened slightly because [] a number of iron rings and some wooden boarding sticking up from the water. A section of an old floating drydock lay crosswise between the west and middle slips. The cruiser which has lain along the slip for some time was painted. 25X1
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24. There were three tankers of about 12,000 to 15,000 tons each at the Marti Shipyard. Two of the tankers were tied up to buoys outside the shipyard and the third was on the slipway. Work was in progress on all three tankers. On the two tankers at the buoys, the masts, stacks, and bridge of each vessel was in place. One of the tankers was painted gray. The superstructure of the tanker on the slip was under construction.
25. At 1300 hours on 28 July while passing Kronshtadt, [] the following naval vessels: 25X1
- a. Destroyers [] each destroyer had two stacks. 25X1
[] 25X1
 - b. Destroyer [] 25X1
 - c. Vessel [] 25X1
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 - d. Submarines [] and two others [] 25X1
[] vessel [] and a repair ship were moored with the submarines. 25X1
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26. At 1400 hours vessel [] moored to a buoy near Leningrad Lightship. [] it had a spherical radar screen and a green flag. Vessel [] was moored to the same buoy. At the other buoy in the area of the lightship, [] a large naval vessel [] was a cruiser of the SVERDLOV Class. [] it had four radar screens on each of its two masts. 25X1
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27. At 1425 hours [] ship passed a naval vessel [] At about the same time, another naval vessel was observed heading toward Leningrad; [] 25X1
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28. Naval vessel [] was observed heading toward Leningrad, and at 1500 hours vessel [] ship. The latter vessel had an antiaircraft gun on the foredeck and a wheelhouse aft. On 28 July [] a ship of unusual construction about 15 miles off Shepelev Island (N 59-59, E 29-07). (See Sketch No. 1.) This vessel was accompanied by a tugboat and another ship. 25X1
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29. [] a cruiser [] engaged in target practice. The target was being towed by a destroyer [] The firing took place far out to sea. There were seven or eight seconds between each round, and there were 12 or 14 shots in a series. However, none of the hits could be seen. The OKTYABRSKAYA REVOLYUTSIYA was observed in the same area. 25X1
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30. At 0600 hours on 29 July, [] a destroyer heading in an easterly direction in the vicinity of Kokskaer. At 0700 hours a cruiser of the SVERDLOV Class was observed heading eastward in the vicinity of Paldiski. At 1045 hours two cruisers of the SVERDLOV Class and a destroyer were observed. 25X1
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the foredeck, a bridge structure, a tripod mast, two slanted stacks, a small mast, a gun position, and one gun on the afterdeck. The three ships were traveling on different courses in a southeasterly direction.
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2. [] Comment: It is not clear whether [] the four destroyers were different from each other or that they were all the same type but that destroyer [] was a different type. 25X1
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- Enclosure: Three photographs of naval vessels and Kronshtadt harbor. (Navy) 25X1

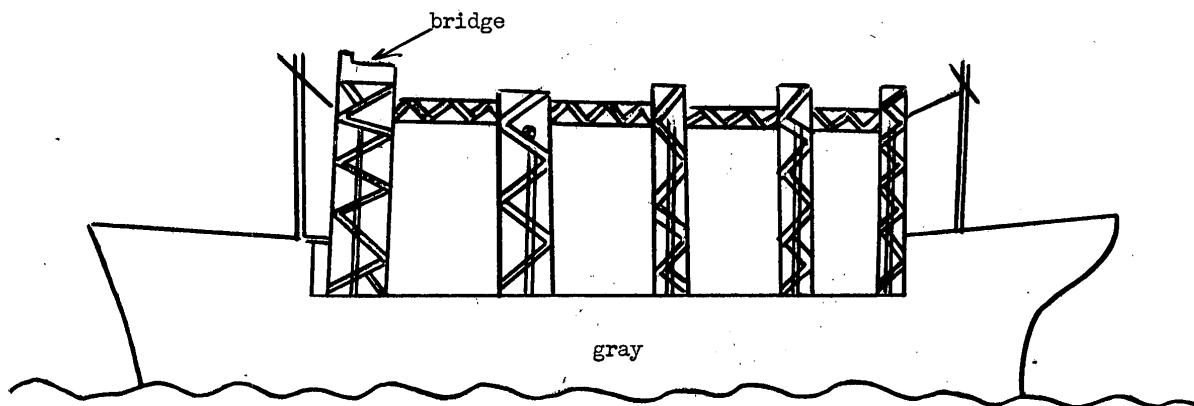
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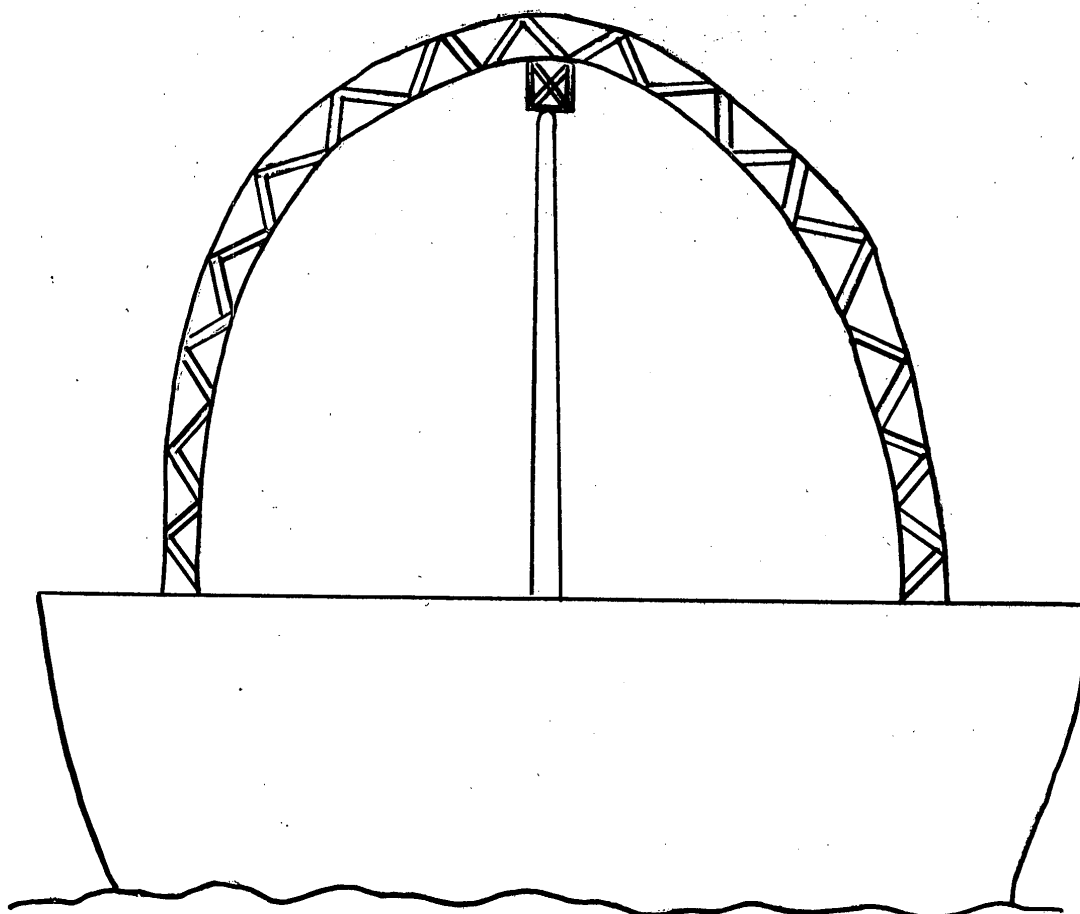
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Sketch No. 1:
Side View of Soviet Vessel:



Sketch No. 2:
Front View of Soviet Vessel:



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